Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) promotes and celebrates the cutting horse, whose origin on Western ranches allows us to support ranching and its Western heritage; strives to give cutters a level playing field and a progressive class structure which accommodates everyone from the beginner to the advanced competitor by establishing rules for the conduct of cutting horse shows; and draws on the diverse talents and background of its members and encourages their participation in helping to achieve these goals; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Cutting Horse Association (SDCHA) is an affiliate of the NCHA and abides by their rules and regulations for governing purposes; and,

Whereas, Don Strain has been instrumental in building the SDCHA into the organization that exists today through a commitment to the principles of fair play, sportsmanship, quality of the cutting horse, quality of judging, quality of competition and support for the "little guy;" and,

Whereas, In 1960, Don became a NCHA Director and in that capacity has served on several committees, which include Judges Rules, Open Show, Long Range Planning and the Executive Committee from 1999-2005; and,

Whereas, Don's involvement with the Executive Committee played an integral part in developing the amateur division, changing the World Championship program and restructuring the NCHA's governance for fair representation around the country; and,

Whereas, In December 2006, the NCHA inducted Don Strain into the NCHA Hall of Fame, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize this significant event in the life of one of South Dakota's accomplished citizens as he is recognized in the presence of his fellow competitors at the Black Hills Stock Show on February 3, 2007:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2007, as

DON STRAIN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State